



Garbage and Recycling Container Requirements and Collection Procedures Update Fact Sheet

Effective July 6, 2015, the DeKalb County Sanitation Division began once-a-week garbage, recycling and yard trimmings collection for all single-family residential households in unincorporated DeKalb and the cities of Brookhaven, Dunwoody and Lithonia. During Phase I, which was completed in fall 2015, garbage roll carts were delivered to all single-family homes in the Sanitation Division's service area. Phase II is underway, and focuses on implementing changes to garbage and recycling container requirements and collection procedures, increasing recycling participation, and providing optional garbage and recycling roll cart offerings.

Effective April 18, 2016, the Sanitation Division implemented changes to garbage and recycling container requirements and collection procedures, which were approved by the DeKalb County Governing Authority. These changes are a critical component of the *Rolling Forward to One* sanitation service change program, and will minimize injuries to field collection service employees and the potential for damage to customer-provided containers. Customers not in compliance will not be serviced until their next scheduled collection day. A notice will be issued advising of the use of an unapproved garbage or recycling container. Noncompliant customers will also be required to place their garbage or recyclable materials in county-approved containers for servicing.

Garbage collection service - Effective April 18, 2016, only county-provided 35-, 45-, 65- and 95-gallon garbage roll carts are approved for garbage collection service. Customer-provided garbage containers from Home Depot, Waste Management, Herby Curby, etc., are **not approved** for garbage collection service. Secure, durable plastic bags are approved for excess garbage disposal, and can be placed next to customers' garbage roll carts on their scheduled collection day. Further, customers have the opportunity to obtain optional county-provided garbage roll carts to meet their garbage disposal needs, and are encouraged to consider these options.

Recycling collection service - Effective April 18, 2016, only county-provided blue 18-gallon recycling bins, blue 40-gallon recycling bags and blue 65-gallon recycling roll carts are approved for recyclable materials collection. Customer-provided recycling containers from a third party are **not approved** for recycling collection service. Customers have the opportunity to obtain county-provided 65-gallon recycling roll carts, 40-gallon recycling bags and 18-gallon recycling bins to meet their recycling needs, and are encouraged to consider these options. To subscribe to the Sanitation Division's FREE residential recycling program, please contact the division's customer service team at 404-294-2900, or visit www.keepdekalbbeautiful.org.

Yard trimmings collection service - Customer-provided containers are approved for yard trimmings collection. Additionally, yard trimmings must be prepared according to the division's preparation procedures, and should be contained in 20- to 40-gallon containers or biodegradable paper bags. It is not required that containers are covered, but covered containers should have detachable lids.

For more information on these changes, please contact the Sanitation Division's customer service team at 404-294-2900 or SanitationPhase2@dekalbcountyga.gov, or visit www.rollingforwardtoone.com, www.dekalbsanitation.com or www.dekalbcountyga.gov.